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Lend your voice to our Legislative process! This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the Howard County Council and links to those bills where available. To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information and share your comments on Council bills by submitting testimony to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. You may also submit testimony in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month. To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#).

I hope you find this newsletter informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.



Legislative
Update

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHT

Fueling Station

CB46-2016 (ZRA159)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of The Howard County Fueling Station Task Force
AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations Gasoline Service Station provisions by creating a new definition for Motor Vehicle Fueling Facility, repealing the Gasoline Service Station Conditional Use, and creating a new Motor Vehicle Fueling Facilities Conditional Use; and generally relating to Gasoline Service Station and Motor Vehicle Fueling Facilities.



Howard County Council Legislation

The following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted.

PREFILED LEGISLATION

All prefiled legislation scheduled to be introduced at this month's legislative session can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

APPOINTMENTS

[CR94-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Charmayne Anderson to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

[CR95-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Misbah Farooqi to the Human Rights Commission.

[CR96-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Cynthia Gula to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

[CR97-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Matthew K. Lee to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

[CR98-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Paul Lin to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

[CR99-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Megha Sharma to the Commission for Women.

[CR100-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Young Ran Smith to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.

GENERAL

[CB43-2016](#)

Introduced by: Jen Terrasa
AN ACT amending the Downtown Columbia Plan to establish an Affordable Housing Inclusionary Zoning provision for Downtown Columbia, under certain conditions; amending certain Community Enhancements, Programs, and Public Amenities (CEPPAs) requirements regarding affordable housing; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

[CB44-2016](#)

Introduced by: Jen Terrasa
AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' New Town (NT) District Downtown Revitalization regulations to include a 15 percent Affordable Housing Inclusionary Zoning provision for Downtown Columbia, under certain conditions; and generally relating to the NT District. AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' New Town (NT) District Downtown Revitalization regulations to include a

[CB54-2016 \(ZRA170\)](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT requiring a new configuration of affordable housing in Downtown Columbia under certain conditions with certain alternatives; amending and providing for certain parking requirements related to residential units in Downtown Columbia; providing certain requirements for certain plans; requiring that certain types of construction provide for art in the community; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

[CB55-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT amending the County Code by clarifying that certain moderate income housing units are provided in certain Zoning Districts as required by the Howard County Zoning Regulations or when required by

15 percent Affordable Housing Inclusionary Zoning provision for Downtown Columbia, under certain conditions; and generally relating to the NT District.

CB45-2016

Introduced by: Jen Terrasa

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code's Downtown Columbia provisions regarding affordable housing payments required by Community Enhancements, Programs, and Public Amenities (CEPPAs) to reflect an inclusionary zoning provision for Downtown Columbia; and generally relating to affordable housing in Downtown Columbia.

CB47-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, Council 67, AFL-CIO that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2018 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, Council 67, AFL-CIO.

CB48-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, Council 67, AFL-CIO that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2018 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, Council 67, AFL-CIO.

certain plans; exempting Downtown Columbia from a certain provision of the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance; amending certain payments for affordable housing required by each developer of residential property within Downtown Columbia under certain conditions; and generally relating to development in Downtown Columbia.

CB56-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ORDINANCE levying and providing for the collection of a special tax on property within the special taxing district in the downtown Columbia area of Howard County, Maryland known as the "Crescent Special Taxing District" (the "Special Taxing District") pursuant to the Rate and Method identified herein and for various matters relating thereto; authorizing and empowering the County to issue up to \$90,000,000 of its special obligation bonds at a maximum interest rate not to exceed 12% per annum in order to finance or reimburse the cost of certain public improvements relating to the Special Taxing District and the Development District (as defined herein) and other costs permitted under the Acts (as identified herein); providing that such bonds and the interest thereon shall never constitute a general obligation of the County or a pledge of its full faith and credit; providing for the further specification, prescription, determination, provision for or approval of various other matters, details, documents and procedures in connection with the authorization, issuance, security, sale and payment for any such bonds; making certain legislative findings; and generally providing for the levy, imposition, collection and application of such special tax and the issuance of an initial series of bonds in accordance with the Acts identified herein.

CR53-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board.

CR101-2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Mary Kay Sigaty

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Howard County Charter by amending Section 603 "Submission and contents of the County budget" and Section 606 "Action on the annual budget and appropriation ordinance by the County Council" to require the budget ordinance to include certain specified funds and a contingency reserve Capital Project; to allow the County Council to increase the appropriation to those funds under certain circumstances; to amend Section 611

CB49-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT amending certain pay scales included in the Pay Plan for Howard County in accordance with certain recently negotiated collective bargaining agreements; adding certain pay scales to be effective on January 1, 2017; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

CB50-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Grant Agreement between the County and the Howard County Housing Commission for the grant of funds related to a Non-Profit Center, which will provide greater access to services for low-income and foreign-born families, enhance coordination and collaboration among service providers, improve efficiency through shared spaces and services, and provide certain other efficiencies; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

CB51-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT clarifying the method of computing time for deadlines set forth in the Howard County Code; defining certain terms; and generally relating to computing time.

CB52-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT amending the Downtown Columbia Plan, a General Plan Amendment, to revise the Downtown Columbia affordable housing program; setting forth methods for the development of affordable housing; revising the Downtown Revitalization Phasing Progression to reflect the timing of affordable housing development; amending certain Community Enhancements, Programs and Public Amenities to reflect the methods for the development of affordable housing; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

CB53-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT amending PlanHoward 2030, the general plan for Howard County, in order to amend the number of housing unit allocations available to developers of new residential units in Downtown Columbia for the period 2015 - 2030; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

"Lapsed Appropriations" to provide that a certain fund is a non-reverting fund; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

CR102-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that certain real property containing approximately 7.71 acres and located at 8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia, Maryland, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

CR103-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the execution of a Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement by Howard Research And Development Corporation and Howard County in accordance with Title 16, Subtitle 17 of the Howard County Code; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; providing for the effective date of this Resolution, and generally relating to the Agreement.

CR104-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive's sale of certain real property known as the "Flier Building" owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

CR105-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to Sections 12-201 et seq. of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Tax Increment Financing Act") and Sections 21-501 et seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Special Taxing District Act", and collectively with the Tax Increment Financing Act, the "Acts") providing for the



designation of contiguous property in the downtown Columbia area of Howard County as a development district for purposes of the Tax Increment Financing Act (the "Development District") and for the designation of a separate area within the development district as a special taxing district for the purposes of the Special Taxing District Act (the "Special Taxing District", and collectively with the Development District, the "Districts"); creating certain special funds pursuant to the Acts; providing for the deposit and use of moneys in such special funds; pledging that the County will allocate and divide property taxes on real property within the Development District so that the portion of the real property taxes levied on the amount by which the assessable base of the real property in the Development District exceeds the original taxable value (the "Tax Increment") will be allocated and paid into one of the special funds, and providing for the levy and collection of special taxes or ad valorem taxes to be deposited to the other special fund in the event the real property taxes levied on the Tax Increment are or will be insufficient to pay debt service on certain bonds issued under the Acts; and providing for, finding, and determining matters in connection therewith.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Legislation below is currently pending and under consideration by the County Council. Action will be taken at the next Legislative Session. More details can be found [here](#).

APPOINTMENTS

[CR76-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tsega Amhatsion to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

[CR77-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Cynthia Coburn to the Commission on Disability Issues.

[CR78-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Flavia Delmastro to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

[CR79-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kimberly McKay to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

[CR82-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Christopher Rand to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

[CR83-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Robert Gillette to the Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

[CR84-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of M Eletta Morse to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

[CR85-2016](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joseph W. Rutter, Jr. to the Soil Conservation District.

CR80-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Marshall McLeod to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.

CR81-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Pedro Ramirez to the Public Works Board.

CR86-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Eileen Tennor to the Historic Preservation Commission.

CR87-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Erica Zoren to the Historic Preservation Commission.

GENERAL**CR88-2016**

Introduced by: Calvin Ball
A RESOLUTION creating the School System Budget Review Committee and directing the County Auditor to conduct a financial audit of the Howard County Public School System.

CR89-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2017 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County.

CR90-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development.

CR91-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Co-sponsored by Jon Weinstein
A RESOLUTION supporting the provision of financing by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Neighborhood BusinessWorks Program to Hi Pro Production and Media, LLC; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

CR92-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION approving a financial assurance plan for Howard County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit programs, in accordance with Section 4-202.1 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and

CB37-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3080, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3080, Council 67, AFL-CIO that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2018 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3080, Council 67, AFL-CIO.

CB38-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3888, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3888, Council 67, AFL-CIO that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2018 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement

requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

CR93-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION endorsing the designation of Long Reach as a Sustainable Community, for approval either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through the Smart Growth Subcabinet of the State of Maryland; adopting the Sustainable Community Plan described in the County's Sustainable Community Application, indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

CB34-2016 (ZRA 163/166)

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and the Chairperson at the request of Binder Rock, LLC

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' Transit Oriented Development (TOD) District to remove certain residential area restrictions on single-family attached dwellings and amenity areas, under certain conditions; and generally relating to the TOD District.

CB35-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to establish a Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission; providing for the membership and staffing of the Commission; setting forth the requirements for meetings; providing for the purpose and responsibilities of the Commission; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

CB36-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to establish a Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities; providing for the membership, officers, and staffing of the Commission; setting forth the requirement to meet; providing for the purpose and responsibilities of the Commission; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3888, Council 67, AFL-CIO.

CB39-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2018 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association.

CB40-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending certain pay scales included Pay Plan for Howard County in accordance with certain recently negotiated collective bargaining agreements; removing certain grades from the General Salary Schedule; creating a Recreational Licensed Childcare pay scale; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

CB41-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; amending the classification description for the position of Dispatcher First Class; adding a classification description for the position of Correctional Sergeant- Dietary; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

CB42-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Howard County Retirement Plan to add the position of Correctional Sergeant- Dietary as a covered employee; and generally relating to the Howard County Retirement Plan.

PRIOR LEGISLATION

All legislation voted on during the previous month can be found online using the legislative

APPOINTMENTS

CR53-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board.

Final Action: PASSED

GENERAL

CR54-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving procedures for the appointment, compensation, and separation of employees of the Howard County Housing Commission.

Final Action: PASSED

CR56-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION changing a legislative session date for the County Council of Howard County, Maryland.

Final Action: PASSED

CR55-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving, in accordance with Section 4.203 of the Howard County Code, the transfer of approximately 0.737 acres of land owned by the Board of Education and located along Banbury Drive to Kellogg-CCP, LLC in exchange for the acquisition of 0.737 acres of land owned by Kellogg-CCP, LLC.

Final Action: PASSED



The Process

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

Upcoming Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD. The next meetings are as follows:

- **Friday, July 8, 2016 at 10:00 am - Legislative Session.** This is the Council's regular legislative session, which happens to fall later than usual this year due to holiday observances for the Fourth of July and Eid Ul Fitr. Following the legislative session, there will be three presentations on the Downtown-related legislation which we anticipate to be approximately 10 minutes each (the Administration's affordable housing package, Councilwoman Terrasa's affordable housing package, and the TIF package). At the end of each presentation, Council Members will have an opportunity to raise issues and questions to be addressed at the work session on Monday, July 11. The Council will not begin discussion at this session; it will simply be identifying topics of discussion for the work session.

- **Monday, July 11, 2016 at 8:30 am - Special Legislative Work Session (Downtown only) (CVG Room);** This special legislative work session will provide an opportunity for the Council to begin more in-depth discussion of the legislation related to affordable housing in Downtown Columbia and the proposed TIF for Downtown Columbia. Legislative work sessions are open meetings. The public is welcome to attend and listen to the discussion; however, testimony will not be accepted during the work session.
- **Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm - Special Public Hearing (Downtown only);** This will be a special public hearing focused only on legislation related to Downtown Columbia. All of the Downtown legislation will be heard together as a group. Sponsors will not present their legislation at this hearing, as those initial presentations will have already been completed on Friday, July 8. Members of the public will have one opportunity to testify on any or all of the legislation. Each person, whether testifying as an individual or as the representative of an organization, will have up to five minutes to testify. As always, testimony can be submitted via email up until the Council votes to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov.
- **Monday, July 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm - Legislative Public Hearing;** This is the regular legislative public hearing for all legislation introduced in July, including the Downtown-related legislation. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in anticipation of a large number of residents wishing to testify. Downtown-related legislation will be at the end of the agenda. Once again, all of the Downtown legislation will be read together as a group and members of the public will have up to five minutes to testify on any or all of the legislation. As always, testimony can be submitted via email up until the Council votes to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov.
- **Monday, July 25, 2016 at 8:30 am - Legislative Work Session;** This is the Council's regular legislative work session for July. As is standard practice, the agenda for the work session will be determined following the regular legislative public hearing. It is anticipated this work session will include further discussion of Downtown-related legislation, and may also include other legislation. Legislative work sessions are open meetings. The public is welcome to attend; however, testimony will not be accepted during the work session.
- **Friday, July 29, 2016 at 10:00 am - Legislative "Wrap Up" Session;** This is the annual wrap-up legislative session to give final consideration to July's legislation before the Council's August recess. At this session, the Council could vote to table the Downtown-related legislation through the August recess; however, no determination has been made at this time.

Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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